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Turkish Foreign Minister Sarper called on General Norstad at SHAPE May 12. Sarper indicated call was made at direction of Gursel. During two-hour conversation following subjects discussed:

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2. Sarper reviewed his discussion with Secretary concerning installation Jupiter missiles in Turkey. He reported that Secretary had stated Jupiters obsolete, had little if any military value, and in effect would serve no purpose except provide target for Soviet attack in event emergency. Moreover, Polaris system superior and deployment in eastern Mediterranean of Polaris would provide more effective deterrent than land based Jupiters. Under circumstances, Secretary had inquired if Turkey would

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if Turkey would not prefer stop Jupiter project. Sarper said he had informed Secretary that, while unable judge military value of Jupiters, Turkey considered it necessary go through with project for psychological and political reasons.

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